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AB - (EP-393438)

DNA (I) coding for a tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor or fragment with a specified sequence in the figure is new. Also new are (1) DNA (II) encoding TNF binding proteins; (2) recombinant DNA molecules containing (I) or (II); (3) host organisms transformed with the recombinant mols.; and (4) polypeptides, (Al) and (A2), encoded by (I) o (II) respectively. (II) has a choice of 2 N-terminal sequences. Preferably the recombinant mols. are plasmids ADTNF-BP, pADTNF-R, pADBTNF-BP or pADBTNF-R. Al has the sequence in the figure.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The peptides are useful in pharmaceutical compositions for prophylaxis or treatment of human tumours and to understand the mechanisms of TNF action.

In an example, COs 7 cellse (10 power 6) in 80 mm petri dishes were transfected in RPM1-1640 medium with 10% head inactivated foetal calf serum, at 37 deg.C., in 5% CO2 following centrifugation, the supernatant was discarded and replaced with serum free medium. A further centrifugation step followed by addition of 1 ml medium as well as 250 micro g/ml DEAE dextran and 10 micro g plasmid DNA. Incubation for 40 minutes at 37 deg.C., washing with 10% calf serum and suspension in 5 ml medium with 100 micro gml chloroquin was carried out. The cells were shown to secrete TNF-BP. (50pp Dwg.No.1/9)